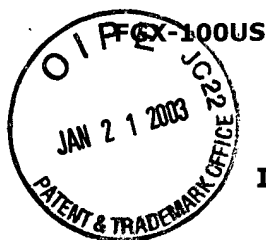


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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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S I R :

I, Kenneth N. Nigon, am the attorney of record for the above-identified application. I have primary responsibility for the successful filing, prosecution and allowance of the above-identified application. I now understand that on January 22, 2002, the Office mailed a notification of missing requirements indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27 and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(l) were required. That notification, however, was neither received by myself or by any other employees of my company, RatnerPrestia. I have conducted a full and exhaustive search of the RatnerPrestia file jacket for this application as well as all RatnerPrestia docket records. Based on my search of the file jacket and the docket records, I have determined that the notification of missing requirements was not received. Furthermore, I enclose a copy of the docket record where the non-received notification would have been entered had it been received. Specifically, an entry for this application under our docket number, FGX-100US, would have appeared on March 22, 2002. As can be seen from a review of the enclosed docket record, an entry for FGX-100US does not appear. This docket record is the "global docket record" for RatnerPrestia. In other words, any official mailing from the USPTO received by RatnerPrestia would appear on this docket record with its respective due date. As can be seen, there is no entry in the docket record on March 22, 2002 under attorney docket number FGX-100US.

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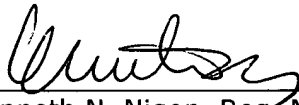
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statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Granting of the petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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